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LABOUR GOV'T PROGRAMME

King's speech outlines limited legislation NO MENTION OF STEEL

London, March 6.
The King's speech opening Parliament today gave clear warning that the new seven-majority Labour Government will pursue its Socialist programme regardless of risk to itself.

Confidence vote asked by Bidault

Paris, March 6.
Premier Georges Bidault ended the three-day Communist filibuster today with a surprise demand for a vote of confidence on the anti-sabotage legislation aimed against Communists who try to destroy or "violently oppose" Atlantic Pact military shipments to France or French Indo-China.

Mr. Bidault's motion asking his Government's life on passage of the anti-sabotage programme ended 13 hours of stormy debate in which Communists and anti-Communists fought briefly with their fists and hurled insults back and forth across the Chamber throughout the night.

The Premier's action was taken as Paris subways and buses were partially tied up by a strike and as France faced its worst labour crisis in two years.

The Communists had dragged on the debate since Friday by introducing numerous amendments to the Government's programme and then speaking slowly on each one. But by making the issue one of confidence, Mr. Bidault put a stop to the filibuster. The Assembly will now meet one minute after midnight Wednesday—a full day must pass before a confidence vote is taken—before balloting on the motion.

Although Premier Bidault's Right of centre coalition is formed on a shaky basis it is not expected to be overturned on this vote.

Meanwhile, the subway and bus strike, which started at 3 a.m. tied up 12 of 15 Paris subway lines and rattled surface transportation throughout most of the city.

But a spotty service began at 8 a.m. as members of non-Communist unions went to work. About 50 buses operated and army and private lines pressed into service another 3,000 which took thousands of workers to their jobs. Many other persons rode bicycles or walked to work.

No large scale absenteeism was reported in any offices or plants. —United Press.

The Speech, announcing the Government's programme for the short session before the summer recess, proposed only a limited programme of legislation.

But it added significantly: "Nevertheless, should other measures prove in their view to be immediately necessary for the maintenance of full employment and the national well-being, my Ministers will not hesitate to submit them to Parliament—even though they may seem likely to prove contentious."

The Speech did not use the word nationalisation directly but public ownership proposals forecast in the Labour Election manifesto were implied at several points.

The plan for water nationalisation was referred to directly.

"The improvement of water supplies, particularly in rural areas, will continue to occupy the attention of my Ministers, and preparatory steps will be taken with a view to the introduction of legislation as soon as circumstances permit," the Speech said.

In agriculture, the Government's "intention to take all practical steps to increase output by every efficient means and to make better use of marginal land" is taken to refer to Labour's proposal where necessary to take over such marginal land.

Nowhere in the speech was reference made to the steel industry, which is to be nationalised in October, and to which both the strong Conservative Opposition, and the handful of Liberals in the new House of Commons, have shown unrelenting opposition.

The King made these points: Dollar Aid: The world shortage of dollars, in which this country has shared, has again been eased by generous help from the United States and Canada.

Renewed efforts will, however, be required to secure a balance in the country's overseas trade and, in particular, to increase earnings in North America.

South East Asia: The King said his Government "warmly welcomed the opportunity provided by the recent meeting of Commonwealth ministers in Colombo for a valuable exchange of views on foreign affairs."

In accordance with the recommendations of the meeting, my ministers look forward to co-operating with other Commonwealth Governments in matters of common interest in South East Asia.

Atomic Energy: The British Government would continue to give full support to the United Nations, which is the only body with an effective system of security that would peace can be assured.

"In particular they will use their utmost endeavour, through the United Nations, to assist in finding a durable solution of the tremendous problem of atomic energy so that international agreements for adequate control and supervision of the production of atomic energy may be secured."

Common defence
Armed Forces: "My Ministers will maintain the closest relations with the other powers signatory to the North Atlantic and Brussels treaties and will play their due part in collaboration with the other powers in strengthening common means of defence."

"My Government will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure that my armed forces are ready to meet their responsibilities in all parts of the world."

"The new organisation of civil defence will be developed."

Colonial Development: "My Government are actively promoting the economic and social development of the colonial territories and the Colonial Development Corporation is proving a useful instrument to this end."

Germany: "The formation of a Federal German Government has made possible a progressive transfer of responsibility from the Western Allies to the Germans."

"As a result, my Government have been able to make substantial contributions to the reconstruction of Germany."

Increased food production

Agriculture: Britain's economic difficulties had emphasised the need for increased food production at home and the Government would continue to "take all practical steps to encourage our agricultural population to increase output by every efficient means and to make better use of marginal land."

The King said he looked forward "with great pleasure to the visit of President and Madame Auriol of France (due to arrive for a State reception tomorrow)."

The British Government, he said, would maintain their wholehearted support of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, through which it is hoped to work out a new European payments scheme, and do their utmost to ensure the success of the Council for Europe.

The British people, by a sustained endeavour, had increased industrial and agricultural production.

"In this task," the King said, "they have been greatly assisted by the help and co-operation of the Governments and peoples of other parts of the Commonwealth."

The King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family, drove through the historic streets to Parliament for the State opening adda United Press.

In holiday mood, throngs packed the area around Buckingham Palace, the Mall, along St. James' Park, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Parliament Square in Westminster.

It was a dull, gray day but that did not dampen the ardour of the crowds.

The King's speech was only routine. It avoided all possibility of controversy and only one place did the King—speaking for the Labour Government—threaten to proceed with the controversial issues. He said:

"In view of the restricted time available and the heavy volume of financial business to be transacted, my Government propose only a limited programme of legislation for the present session. Nevertheless, should circumstances prove in their view to be immediately necessary for the maintenance of full employment and national well-being my Ministers will not hesitate to submit them to Parliament even though they may seem likely to prove contentious."

That appeared to be a sop to the left wing of the Labour Party which insisted upon going full speed ahead with Socialism. The moderates, however, prepared to bring it to a full stop pending another election.

The speech made no mention of the Nationalisation of Steel Act—already on the statute books and ready to go into effect next year. The Opposition may submit an amendment to the speech on that issue.

The silence on additional nationalisation projects was accepted as the Labour Government's confirmation of their decision to abandon for the time being plans to nationalise the cement, sugar, refining, meat packing and chemical industries.

After the King delivered his speech to the House of Commons, the Queen, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, drove through the streets to the Palace.



Bananas, strangers to Berlin for many years, recently made a welcome reappearance in the former German capital. Here an enterprising fruit hawker cashes in on the combined drawing power of his stock and his elegant headgear to find ready sales among passers-by on the city's fashionable Kurfuerstendamm. (AP Photo).

Chiang tempts his reluctant delegates

Generalsissimo Chiang Kai-shek has again summoned members of the Legislative and Control Yuans and National Assembly delegates resident in Hong Kong to proceed to Taipei.

According to a source close to the people concerned, the Generalsissimo has provided nearly HK\$1,000,000 to induce them to go to Taiwan to bolster his position there.

Members of the Legislative and Control Yuans have been allocated HK\$7,000 each and National Assembly delegates HK\$3,000 each in addition to their travelling expenses.

According to the "China Mail" source there are some 70 members of the Legislative and Control Yuans and about 90 National Assembly delegates in Hong Kong.

They have refused previous requests by the Generalsissimo to go to Taiwan. Whether or not they will accede to his latest summons could not be ascertained last night.

His KMT members
Generalsissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday lashed out at members of the Kuomintang clique who, he said, place selfish personal interests over public good and admitted he made a mistake in taking leave from the Presidency last year, adds United Press in a dispatch from Taiwan.

Taking charge of the weekly memorial meeting of the Kuomintang Party, Chiang demanded immediate party reforms "to save the nation and party."

Speaking in his capacity as director-general of the Kuomintang rather than as President, Chiang said: "In the few days since I resumed the Presidency I found most of the Kuomintang members selfish. They care only for their personal interests and those of their cliques. This must end."

Asserting that his leaving the Presidential office last year was a mistake, Chiang revealed his belief that the crisis would not have been as great as at present. The Generalsissimo, deadly serious in laying down his demand to party members for reforms, left a definite impression that he meant business and that a complete overhaul of the party and some agencies of the military government would be carried out.

New leftist force in Greece

Athens, March 6.
General Nicholas Plastiras, a moustachioed old warrior who drove King Constantine into exile in 1922, emerged today from yesterday's national elections as a powerful new leftist force in Greek politics.

With nearly one-half of the votes counted, Plastiras' National Progressive Union had a slender lead over the country's two big traditional parties—former Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris' Conservative—Populists (Royallists) and Sophocles Venizelos' Moderate Liberals.

Another new leftist party, the Republican Front headed by former Foreign Minister Mihail Sophianopoulos, polled a sizeable vote that surprised most observers.

Conservative oppositionists said Communists' recent party war successes were the result of the civil war that ended last autumn when the British helped the leftist forces to defeat the royalist forces.

—Associated Press.

Reds ask HK banks to freeze customs deposits

Tokyo, March 6.
The Chinese Communists have asked two Hong Kong banks to freeze Chinese Nationalist customs deposits, the Red radio at Peking said today.

A broadcast heard here said the Reds customs administration had made the request to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Bank of China in Hong Kong.

The broadcast made no estimate of how much money is involved. —Associated Press.

Report on Red agents ridiculous

Commenting on the report by the International Committee for Study of European Affairs that Hong Kong is the main training centre for Communist agents, a foreign observer, stationed in the Colony, said the assertion is ridiculous.

An agency report from London quoted the International Committee for Study of European Affairs as saying that the Supreme Communist Council has its seat in Hong Kong.

"This Council, composed of six National Committees for activities in Indo-China, Siam, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia and the Philippines include five directing members each."

The observer said that virtually all active and dangerous Communist organisations were expelled from Hong Kong two years ago.

He added: "Assuming that this organisation was operating here secretly—which would be possible—what would their purpose be?"

"Operating in Hong Kong, under the constant fear of discovery, and working underground is ridiculous when such an organisation could work in innumerable Chinese Communist cities."

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DETAILS OF HONG KONG'S NEW BUDGET

An estimated HK\$199,051,037 will be required for Government expenditure during the 1950-51 financial year, according to the new Budget to be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow.

The amount is some HK\$19,000,000 more than the approved estimates for the 1949-50 year. Biggest estimated increases are in the Public Works Department—total of HK\$49,977,668 as compared with HK\$36,699,180 for 1949-50.

Second on the list of increased expenditure is the Police Force—HK\$15,553,762 as compared with the 1949-50 estimate of HK\$12,633,722.

Following close behind is the Sanitary Department and Urban Council (HK\$7,428,817 as compared with the 1949-50 estimate of HK\$5,724,180)—an increase of more than HK\$1,700,000.

Fourth biggest increase in the estimated expenditure for the next financial year concerns the Marine Department—HK\$6,147,332 as against HK\$4,802,137 for the 1949-50 year.

The Education Department has been provided with only HK\$3,350,000 more than its 1949-50 estimates.

Expenditure for the Legal Department has been increased by nearly 100 per cent and the Medical Department by less than HK\$70,000.

Details of the 1950-51 Budget (with the previous year's figures) to be presented to the Legislative Council meeting tomorrow:

Title	1950-51 Estimate HK\$	1949-50 Estimate HK\$
The Governor	250,285	231,297
Agricultural Department	793,135	730,228
Audit Dept.	229,023	243,807
Civil Service	1,136,379	834,430
Colonial Secretary and Legislature	1,203,241	1,064,828
Department of Commerce and Industry	1,236,167	1,270,079
Co-operatives and Marketing District Office	140,207	150,779
New Territories	583,208	336,780
Education	5,440,391	5,085,335
Fire Brigade	1,353,007	1,104,104
Fisheries Dept.	124,233	121,593
Forestry Dept.	410,230	428,898
Gardens Dept.	341,487	349,381
HK Defence	1,752,351	2,025,715
Inland Revenue	880,555	815,205
Kowloon-Canton Railway	5,007,031	5,443,695
Labour Dept.	291,119	286,335
Legal Dept.	657,443	370,874
Navigation	245,597	242,881
Marine Dept.	6,147,332	4,802,137
Medical Dept.	12,670,776	12,601,935
Miscellaneous Services	37,521,500	37,832,100
Pensions	7,870,000	6,720,000
Police Force	15,553,762	12,633,722
Post Office	1,593,762	1,488,841
Broadcasting and Telecommunications	5,561,634	4,036,781
Prisons Dept.	4,208,341	3,934,017
Public Debt	5,094,031	5,488,841
Public Relations	—	—

KMT watch on HK planes

Taipei, March 6.
The Air Force today reiterated its intention to try and shoot down the 71 defeated Nationalist planes at Hong Kong the moment they leave the Colony.

A communiqué said Nationalist warplanes were continuing to keep a vigilant watch for the possible departure of these planes which the Hong Kong Supreme Court recently awarded to the Chinese Communist Government.

Air Headquarters claimed that Mitchell and Mustangs based on Hainan Island, sank over 200 junks and other small craft in attacks in the past two days on waters flanking the Luchow Peninsula.

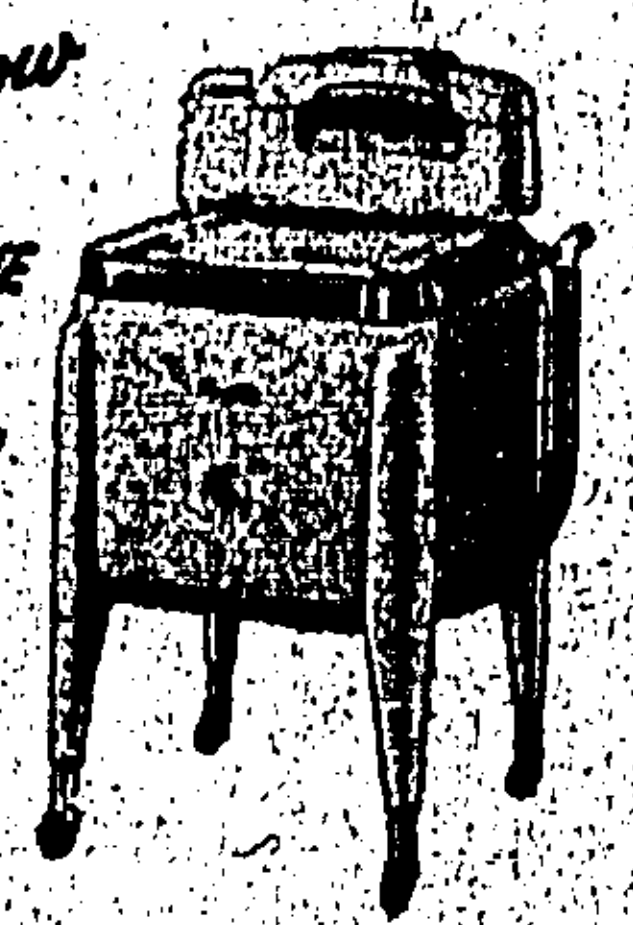
It also reported an attack on Foochow, mainland seaport opposite Taiwan, claiming that warehouses were hit and set afire and a bridge over the Min River was badly damaged.

Namoa Island, near Swatow, was attacked, and a number of nearby craft were sunk.

Meanwhile, Mustangs aided Nationalist ground forces trying to suppress long-established Communist guerrillas in the Five Finger Mountain area of Hainan.

—Associated Press.

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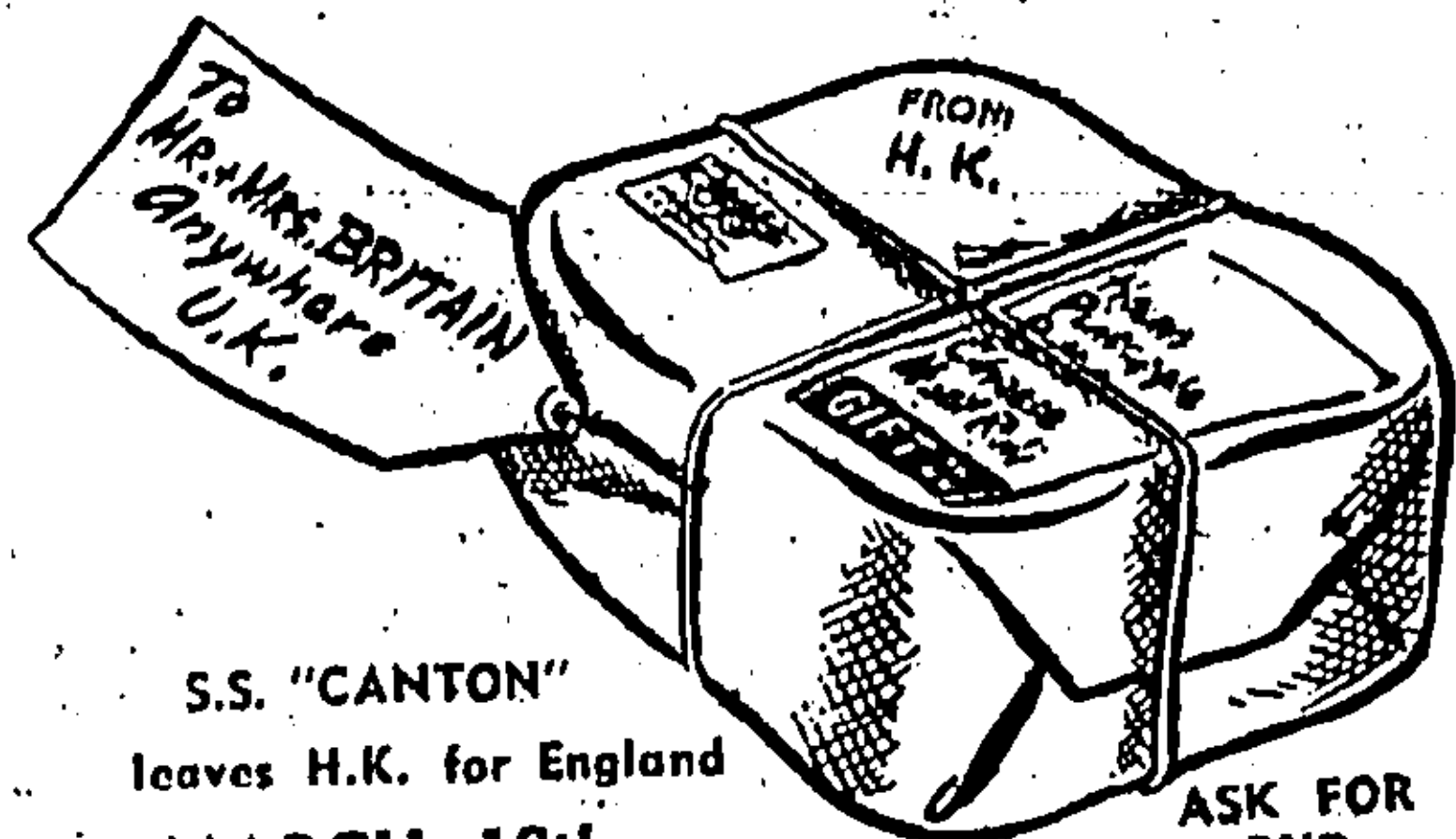
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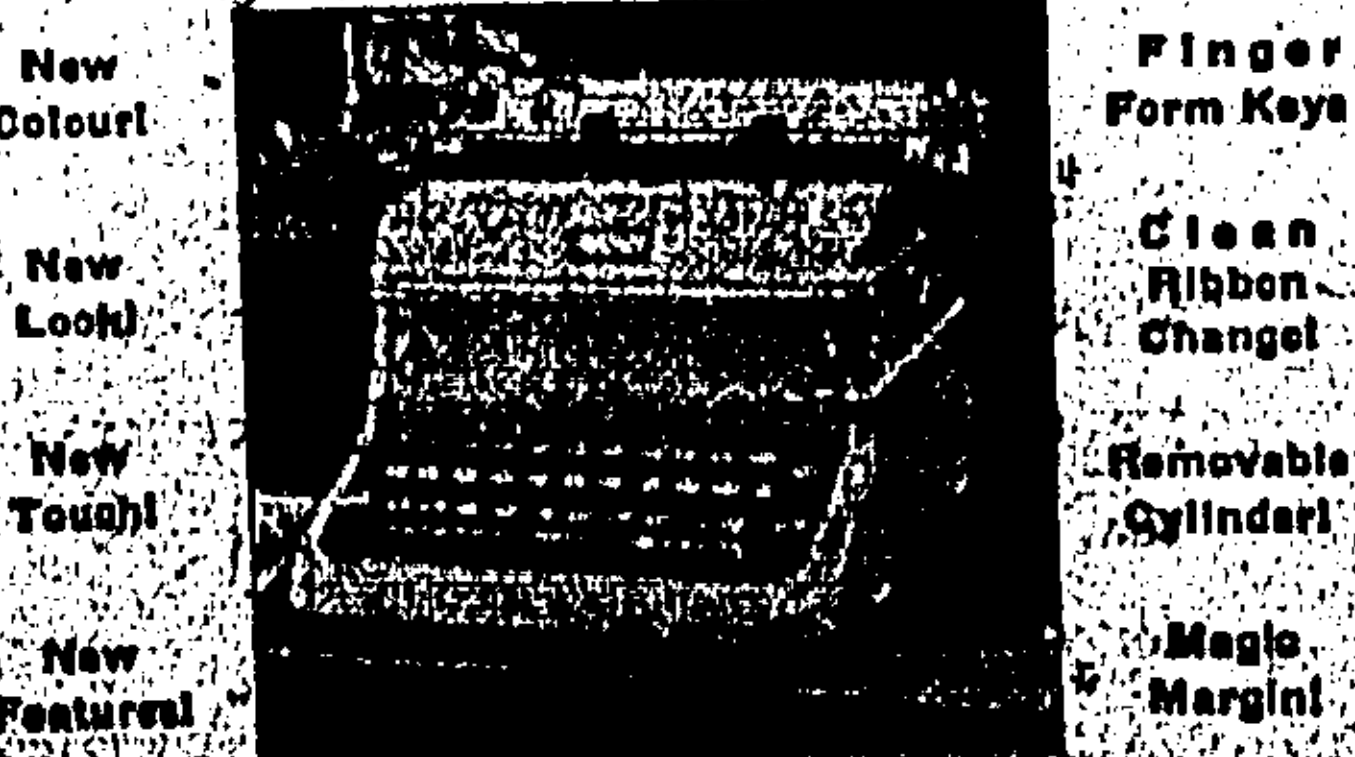
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Yesterday's wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frank Smith, shown after their wedding at Christ Church, Kowloon Hong yesterday. The bride was the former Miss Iris Hammond. ("China Mail" Photo.)

PI Consul refutes report on entry of Chinese from HK

An emphatic denial of Manila allegations that Chinese residents from Hong Kong are getting to the Philippines on unauthorised permits was made by the Philippine Consul General here yesterday.

In a statement to the "China Mail" the Consul General, Senior Jose B. Rodriguez, said that such reports are absolutely untrue.

Recently two Manila large-circulation newspapers, the "Daily Mirror" and the "Standard", carried stories purporting to show that many Chinese are entering the Philippines from Hong Kong on visas issued here without parallel authorisation from the Bureau of Immigration.

Senior Rodriguez said: "I welcome an investigation of this Consulate because since my tenure of office no visas have been issued to Chinese except for transit purposes. I have merely granted visas previously approved by my predecessor. The records are here for every one to see."

He added that perhaps the newspapers are "right" in stating that there has been an influx of Chinese into the Philippines, but he made it clear that their embarkation point is not Hong Kong.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dwyer, Captain and Mrs. C. L. Coupland, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sathiyamkarn, Mrs. H. W. Wang, Dr. H. S. F. Cooper, Messrs. J. D. B. Wright, R. Furley, A. D. Bennett, W. R. New, R. C. Miller, C. Dolderfield and Major J. C. Brotherton.

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Vocal recital by Prof. Ma

A vocal recital, under the patronage of Sir Shouson Chow, Dr. S. W. Tso, the Rev. Mr. A. D. Stewart, Professor Daniel Chen and Mr. E. G. Stewart, will be given by Professor K. L. Ma, one of China's well known baritone, at the Griggs, Hong Kong Hotel, on Sunday at 8.30 p.m.

Professor Ma graduated from the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in 1935, where he studied under the famous Russian bass, Professor Shushlin, for more than seven years. Professor Ma has toured all major cities in China and has given more than 40 recitals.

He was appointed successively as the Head of the Music Department of the Fungwain College of Arts, Kulong, Professor of the National Academy of Opera, and the Vice-President of the Symphony Orchestra of China in Chungking.

At Sunday's recital, he will sing in several languages, including "Si Tu" (Cognome), Handel, two arias from "Simon Boccanegra" and "Un Ballo in Maschera" by Verdi, in Italian, "Plaine D'amour" by Martini in French, "On Wings of Song" and "Two Grandchildren" by Mendelssohn and Schumann in English, "Serenade" by Schubert in German, "Volga Boatman" in Russian and two songs in Chinese.

Other solo items will be contributed by Miss MA Sh-yun, flutist, and Mr. Wong Lin-san, cellist. Professor Ma will be accompanied by Miss Caroline Ho.

Tickets at \$10 and \$5 each are now obtainable at the Hong Kong Music Company and at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Personalia

Miss P. Clough, Miss R. Meyers, Mrs. Tran Sun, Messrs. F. H. Muller, A. Lipsman and S. Bennett left the Colony yesterday for Saigon by Air France.

Messrs. P. F. Dell, M. L. Lam-bert, A. Sarrat, and K. Manib-haran arrived in Hong Kong during the week-end from Saigon by Air France.

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HEARING OF MAINTENANCE SUMMONS AGAINST SUN FO

The first hearing of the summons against Dr. Sun Fo, former Premier of China, claiming custody and maintenance of Sun Joan Sun, alias Lily Sun, aged 13, began before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Sir Man-kam Lo appeared for Dr. Sun Fo and Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the complainant, Nancy Nyl, mother of Sun Joan Sun.

Wedding

Smith-Hammond

Miss Iris Hammond, QARANC nursing officer, became the bride of Bert Frank Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, at Christ Church, Kowloon, Tong, yesterday. The Reverend Donald Young, of 42 Commando, R.M., officiated.

The bride was given away by Colonel Hennessy. She wore a white satin brocade dress, a necklace with off-the-shoulder collar, and a full skirt with small train. She carried a bouquet of mixed carnations with three long flowered streamers.

Misses Margaret Hester and Miss Anne Moran were bridesmaids. The two wore turquoise French crepe at full length, three-quarter length sleeves with yoke collar, buttoned to waist. Mixed sweet peas were carried by the bridesmaids, with head dress to match.

The duties of best man were discharged by Mr. Sidney Croft. A well-attended reception was held at the QARANC Mess. The honeymoon will be spent in Macao. The bride going-away dress was of Powder Blue crepe.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Lance Corporal Daniel Christopher McPeake, of the Royal Military Police, Whitefield Barracks, and Miss Laura Catarina Dhill, secretary of Elio Hansson Limited, residing at 8 Parkes Street, second floor, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

THE FISH RACKET

Mr. T. G. Stangeways, Acting Director of Fisheries, has refused a statement attributed to him to the effect that he had denied that there was any manipulating of prices in the fish markets by certain fish mongers.

He told the "China Mail" yesterday that he had informed the Fish Merchants Guild that the gap between the wholesale and retail prices of fish is too wide and that every effort should be made to reduce the gap.

He confirmed the previous "Sunday Herald" story that excessive profits were being made by certain fish mongers who are victimising the general public.

He added that he had stated that the Fresh Fish Merchants Club is a very strong organisation loyal to their clients and that he had denied that the fresh fish merchants are manipulating the market.

While denying this he also stated the fresh fish dealers are not respecting the legal practices.

Robber suspects tried at Criminal Sessions

A daring daylight house robbery at 13 Observatory Road, second floor, last year, in which the robbers gained access by purporting to be sent to put up an aerial, was described at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Four accused in the dock yesterday are alleged to have taken away money and jewellery, including two diamond rings, both valued about HK\$14,000, after threatening the victims and disclosing that they were Communists.

The articles were taken from a man, Mui Yau-chuek, and his wife, who lived with their daughter and an amah in the premises.

Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, and a jury of five men and two women are hearing the case. Mr. A. Hoxton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector J. Hadden, is prosecuting.

Besides the four alleged robbers, two others are on trial. The six accused are Lai Woon, Wang Po-nut, Hong Tin-yau, Chan Kuan alias Chan Kwong-wing, Lau Ka-yung alias Lau Kwok-wah, and Lee Po-yuen. The last-named is being defended by Mr. B. A. Bernhardt, instructed by Mr. Shi Yung, who has been allowed bail.

The others are not legally represented. Lau Ka-yung is charged with being an accessory before the fact to the robbery and, alternatively, receiving stolen property. The others are charged with being accessories after the fact, with possession of arms and ammunition.

Draw convictions. According to the prosecution, about 9.45 p.m. on the morning of the robbery, the lady of the house, Mrs. Mui Yau-chuek, was alone in the house. She was sitting in the bedroom when she was approached by four men who entered the room.

The men, who were dressed in dark clothes, threatened her and demanded money and jewellery. She complied with their demands and handed over the items.

The men then fled with the loot. The police were alerted and a search was made for the robbers. The four accused were arrested on the following day.

The case is expected to continue for several days. The judge has reserved his verdict.

Correspondence

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

Sir—As an experienced local car driver, I want to express my sympathy with the jeep owner (giving his name as A. Gimlet) who fell into a deep gas main trench on Friday night.

I can just picture his steady ascent of Garden Road and his falling in the gas trench caused by the excavation, with one of those friends who considers the dimming of glaring headlights an inconvenience.

It is about time that the Police or the A.A., or both, had a check up on headlights and forbid their use in properly illuminated areas. Also it should be an offence not to dim to a specified standard when meeting another car.

Of course, I will admit there are circumstances under which everything—even carlights—appear brighter than they really are. Surely, however, safety standards can be fixed.

Poor Mr. Gimlet.
I am, Yours faithfully,
OLIVE MARTINE

FEBRUARY WEATHER CORRECTION

Sir—Owing to a typing error, the last sentence in the first paragraph of the February Weather Summary, submitted to you on March 4, is incorrect. It should read:

"On the morning of the 17th a sharp frost was reported from Tan Tin Cam (2,400 ft.) at the Royal Observatory: the lowest temperature recorded was 42.5 deg. F. The lowest temperature ever recorded during February at the Royal Observatory was 38.4 deg. F. in 1901."

Yours faithfully,
L. STARBUCK,
(Director),
Royal Observatory, Hong Kong.

TAIPO ROAD COLLISION

Two Chinese women passengers on a lorry were injured when a truck collided with a military lorry on Taiipo Road near the seven-mile stone at about 6 p.m. yesterday.

The injured women were immediately sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

HARBOUR FIRE

A small fire broke out aboard the m.v. Silver Walnut at about 9 p.m. yesterday, causing slight damage to the vessel's covering sheets.

The fire was extinguished by a fire engine which was in the Kowloon Dock for repairs when the fire broke out.

Two fire engines from the mainland arrived at the scene and put the fire out in half an hour.

There was no casualty reported.

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PERSONAL

WILL The person who took a
Brown Beaver Coat by mistake
from the Grippe Cloakroom on
Friday night March 3rd, kindly
communicate with Box 568
"China Mail".

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vised edition) at \$5.00 per copy.
Obtainable at all Leading Book
Stores and "China Mail" Office.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Dental Practice carried
on by the undersigned at Alex-
andra Bldg. will be from March
8th, 1950 be carried on at 713
Edinburgh House.

Consulting Hours . . .
9 a.m. — 5.30 p.m.
F. H. BRETT HANNA,
Registered Dentist.

HONG KONG CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the 102nd Yearly General
Meeting of the Members of the
Hong Kong Club will be held
at the Club House on Thursday
30th March, 1950 at 5.30 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that at the same place
and on the same day at 8
o'clock in the afternoon or so
soon afterwards as the Or-
dinary General Meeting, shall
be concluded an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Mem-
bers of the Club will be held.

By Order of the Committee,
K. W. KIRBY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 6, 1950.

NOTICE

The Military authorities an-
nounce that the Anti-Aircraft
runs will be firing from Mt.
DAVIS gun site on Thursday
9th MARCH 1950 and Friday
10th MARCH 1950 between the
hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
daily resulting in bursts over
the WEST LAMMA CHANNEL.

Arrangements have been
made for the patrol of areas
affected in order to ensure that
vessels, ships, aircraft, and per-
sons are not exposed to danger.

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NOTICE
ISLAND BATHING
BEACHES.

Private Bathing Huts on
Middle Bay and
South Bay Beaches.

1. Applications may now be
made by bona fide Hong Kong
residents to the Secretary, Ur-
ban Council, for the occupation
during the current bathing
season of existing huts and
pre-war hut sites on Middle
Bay and South Bay Beaches.

2. Application forms may be
obtained from the Secretary,
Urban Council, General Post
Office Building, (top floor).

3. Only one member of a
family may submit an applica-
tion for a site or hut. Any
additional applications found
to be submitted by other mem-
bers of the same family will
be cancelled. Duly completed
application forms must reach
the Urban Council offices be-
fore noon on Wednesday, the
15th March, 1950.

4. Existing huts and sites
have been classified as fol-
lows:—

Class "A"—Hut in good con-
dition.

Class "B"—Matched or hut
not in good condition.

Class "C"—Mere remnant or
foundation.

5. The following permit fees
will be charged for the current
season from 1st April, 1950 to
31st March, 1951:—

Class "A"—\$500.00
Class "B"—\$150.00
Class "C"—\$50.00

6. Application forms will
only be issued against payment
of a fee of \$10.00 which will
not be returned. Persons ap-
plying by letter to the Secre-
tary, Urban Council, for an ap-
plication form should enclose a
cheque for \$10.00.

7. The allocation of sites on
the two island beaches will be
determined by ballot, which
will be held in the Urban
Council Chamber at 3.00 p.m.
on Monday, the 20th March,
1950. Applications will not be
considered in respect of specific
sites or in respect of any parti-
cular class of hut or site. In
the ballot more names will be
drawn than the number of sites
available and a reserve list
will be prepared in case any
successful applicant fails to
take up the site allotted to him.
Successful applicants will be
informed of the result of the
ballot and will be required to
pay the appropriate permit fee
into the Treasury before the
30th March, 1950.

8. If a successful applicant
fails to pay the appropriate
permit fee within the pres-
cribed time limit, the site
offered to him will be with-
drawn and offered to the top
name on the reserve list.

9. Persons who have ap-
plied to the District Officer,
New Territories for huts or
sites in the New Territories are
not debarred from applying
for huts or sites on the island
beaches, but if they are suc-
cessful in the ballot for the
island beach sites, they will be
required to withdraw their
names from the subsequent
ballot to be conducted by the
District Officer, New Terri-
tories.

10. Successful applicants
will be granted permits limit-
ing their occupation of the huts
or sites allotted to them to the
period specified in paragraph 5.
Subletting or exploitation of
huts or sites for gain is pro-
hibited.

11. The permit will not be
renewable and on its expiry
the site and all materials re-
maining on it will revert un-
conditionally to Government.

Bathing Matched for Clubs
and Associations

12. Existing permits for
sites allotted to Clubs and As-
sociations will be renewed for
a further year as from 1st
April, 1950. Additional sites
are available at Stanley, Main
Beach and any Club or Asso-
ciation desiring a site on this
beach should submit an ap-
plication to the Secretary,
Urban Council from whom ap-
plication forms may be obtain-
ed. No charge will be made
for such forms but a permit
fee of \$100.00 will be charged
in respect of sites so allocated.

13. Permits will be grant-
ed for the period from 1st
April, 1950 to 31st March,
1951 only. Subletting and ex-
ploitation for gain will be pro-
hibited. A further condition
of the permit will be that the
matched is to be used exclu-
sively by members and their
families of the Club or Asso-
ciation concerned. On the
expiry of the permit the site
and all materials remaining on
it will revert unconditionally
to Government.

Private Tents

14. Private tent owners
may pitch their own tents
during the hours of daylight
only on island beaches other
than those for which contracts
for the erection of public tents
have been made or those on
which sites are being allotted
by ballot. Deep-Water Bay,
Turtle Cove and some other
small beaches on the island
come within this category.

15. It is forbidden to let
such tents for hire and any
breach of this regulation ren-
ders persons liable to arrest or
prosecution.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary,
Urban Council.
Hong Kong, March 4, 1950.

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THE VIBRO PILING
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company will
be held at the Registered Of-
fice of the Company, 1st floor,
York Building, at 11.45 a.m.
on Saturday, 11th March, 1950
(or as soon thereafter as the
Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be
held at 11.30 a.m. on that date
shall have been concluded) for
the purpose of considering and
if thought fit, passing the fol-
lowing Resolution as an Or-
dinary Resolution.

That the Capital of the Com-
pany be increased to \$1,500,-
000.00 by the creation of 400,-
000 new shares of \$3.00 each,
such new shares to rank in all
respects pari passu with the
other shares of the Company
and that the Board be em-
powered to allot or otherwise
dispose of these shares in such
manner and at such time as
they may determine.

By Order of the Board,
F. E. d'Almada Remedios
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 25, 1950.

THE VIBRO PILING
CO., LTD.

Report of the Board of
Directors and Statement
of Accounts

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the 15th Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Shareholders
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company, 1st floor,
York Building, on Saturday,
11th March, 1950 at 11.30 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving a
Report and Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1949, and to elect
Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 5th March, 1950, to
the 11th March, 1950, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. E. d'Almada Remedios
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 25, 1950.

NOTICE
A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Company (since
registration) will be held at the
Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong,
on Friday, 24th March, 1950, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
period ended 31st October, 1949,
and to elect Directors and ap-
point Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 8th March, 1950, to
Friday, 24th March, 1950, both
days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &
SON, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hong Kong,
Dated this March 3, 1950.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors
& Appraisers,
Fodder Building,
Telephone No. 20224.

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N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary,
Urban Council.
Hong Kong, March 4, 1950.

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NOTICE

THE HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

Reduction of Charges for Gas

Charges for gas from date of Meter Readings at the end
of March 1950 will be as under:—

PER METER	Charge per 1000 cu. ft.
First 10,000 cu. ft.	\$13.00
Next 15,000 " " " " " " " "	\$12.50
" 25,000 " " " " " " " "	\$12.00
Consumption over 50,000 cu. ft.	\$11.50

For the Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd.,

F. GOODWIN,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, March 6, 1950.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

CALTEx OIL

ANNOUNCES THAT EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY
MARCH 6th THEIR HONG KONG DISTRICT SALES
AND SHIPPING OFFICES WILL BE IN

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ROOMS 404-5 AND 420-2, FOURTH FLOOR
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

Third Race Meeting

11th March 1950

1st Race—Magazine Gap Handicap (1st Section)

8th Race—Magazine Gap Handicap (3rd Section)

9th Race—Windy Gap Handicap (3rd Section)

The Handicap weights in the above have been
reduced 4 lb. all round.

5th Race—Windy Gap Handicap (2nd Section)

The Handicap weights in the above have been
reduced 5 lb. all round.

The correct Handicap weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRD RACE MEETING

Saturday, 11th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the
Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for
the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep
on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in
April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for
the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch
Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE
MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or
Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax,
for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary
on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Mem-
ber to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for
payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the
Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor,
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy
(Tel. 27518).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5.—including
tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PER-
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.
MEDALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to
endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are
not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through
on their duties and must remain in their employers' employ.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Insufficient funds, eh? Well, why don't you fire some
of the high-priced help around here?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

AN ESSENTIAL SIGNAL

NO SIGNAL by a defender is
ever more vital to his side than
that which tells his partner where
his side entry is, when giving
him a ruff. Leading his lowest
card for the mate to trump indi-
cates that he wants to return of
the low-ranking side suit, where-
as leading one which can be read
clearly as higher than his lowest
is an imperative request to re-
turn the higher-ranking side
suit.

S A 0 5 2
H K Q 10 8 5
D 5
C 8 5 4 3
S Q 10 7
H 3
D K 7 6
C J 9 7 6
3 2
S K J 8 6 4
H 7 4
D Q J 4
C A K Q

(Dealer: South. Both sides vul-
nerable).

South West North East
1 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 S

When West led the heart 3
South was more than pleased
with what he saw in the dummy.
It looked as if he would have to
lose only one trick in each red
suit, plus one in trumps only if
the suit be unfavourably distrib-
uted. What a shock he got.

East of course won that first
trick with the A and returned
the suit for West to ruff with
the spade 7. West then led his
diamond 6 to the A and the heart
6 lead brought a ruff by South
who used the spade K in despera-

tion. It was his idea that he
would then lead to the spade A,
hoping to find the Q now single-
ton. But when that failed to
work, the Q remained out to take
the setting trick.

How did West know, after his
first ruff of a heart, that his best
return lead was a diamond, and
the low-ranking side suit, where-
as leading one which can be read
clearly as higher than his lowest
is an imperative request to re-
turn the higher-ranking side
suit. Notice what would have hap-
pened if West had missed fire
and returned a club. South then
could have dropped all of the
trumps, with the Q now inade-
quately guarded, and would have
lost only one more trick, in dia-
monds, so that he would have
made the contract.

S A Q 5 2
H K Q 10 8 5
D 5
C 8 5 4 3
S Q 10 7
H 3
D K 7 6
C J 9 7 6
3 2
S K J 8 6 4
H 7 4
D Q J 4
C A K Q

Tomorrow's Problem

S A Q 5
H K 10 4
D K 8 7 6 5
C K 4

S K Q 2
H 0 2
D 10 2
C A J 10
9 6 5

QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA

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4 SHOWS AT 2.30, 5.15 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

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THE DUDE GOES WEST

A KING BROS. Production starring
EDDIE ALBERT • GALE STORM
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Produced by MAURICE and FRANK KING • Directed by KURT NEUMANN
Original Screenplay by MARY LOOS and RICHARD SALE • Director of Photography, EARL STRESS, A.S.C.

COMING ATTRACTION

Kellogg Film Ltd. presents
HOBSON • RICHARD TODD
CHRISTIAN NORDEN • TOM WALLS
THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY

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TAKE ANY EASTERN TRAM CAR OR HAPPY VALLEY BUS

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DIALOGUE WITH MOST FAMOUS STARS IN THE CAST!

A Strange Woman

IN OLD OKLAHOMA

Bernhard down with influenza

Los Angeles, March 5. Prince Bernhard found the grind of receptions and unofficial visits to local aircraft plants too strenuous and was down with virus influenza.

"His Royal Highness has an attack of the flu which, coupled with extreme fatigue, made it necessary for him to take a complete rest today," announced Dr. Myron Primmett of Los Angeles.

At a gathering of members of the Dutch colony of Los Angeles, a message was read in which the Prince expressed his disappointment at not being able to appear.

"I appreciate your coming here to greet me, some from long distances, and nothing has disappointed me more than my inability to be with you here today and to greet each of you personally," he said. "It had been my intention to bring to you also the greetings of Her Majesty the Queen, which I must now do in this way. I wish you all well."

Prince Bernhard was forced to miss the polo match at the Riviera Country Club this afternoon.—United Press.

JAPAN SCIENTISTS ON U.S. VISIT

Washington, March 5. Three top Japanese scientists arrived in Washington today to begin a tour of study in United States scientific institutions. They are Drs Naoto Kanyama, Sakae Wagatsuma and Yoshio Nishina.

The Japanese scientists are here under the auspices of the National Research Council.—United Press.

MAJESTIC

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Vienna becomes the world's spy centre

Vienna, February.

A recent increase in Vienna's normally high toll of political murders, suicides, kidnappings and attempted kidnappings has forced the Viennese to the very conclusion that their city has become the spy centre of the world. Certainly it seems to be the most spied-on.

No fewer than 16 intelligence services are believed to be operating in the Austrian capital today.

There are the four services of the four occupation powers, Russian, United States, British and French. The Swiss and Italian Governments have their separate intelligence organizations. The Yugoslavs have an efficient network.

The Poles, Czechoslovaks, Hungarians and Bulgarians all have agents here. In addition, the Czechoslovak and Hungarian secret police on occasion operate in at least the Russian zone of Vienna almost as openly as in their own countries. The Vatican has an intangible, invisible but omniscient apparatus of its own.

Next comes the Austrian State police and, last of all, each Austrian political party has its own organization charged with the collection of secret information about the doings of its rivals.

Within recent weeks the United States Army headquarters in Vienna has revealed the arrest of 12 members of a gang that had combined the smuggling of American cigarettes into Austria with the kidnapping of Russian-born refugees and their delivery to the Russian authorities here. For each such kidnapping, the smugglers got a month's immunity from interference with their smuggling activities, the Army said. This revelation let loose a fury of counter-charges against the Americans by the Viennese Communist press.

Russian denial

The Americans were charged with inventing the story for the sole purpose of distracting public attention from their own misdeeds, such as abducting in-

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Prince gives in to his peasants

Rome, March 5.

Prince Alessandro Torlonia, Italy's greatest landlord, today stilled the peasant unrest on his estates—temporarily, at least—by paying his workers 14,000,000 lire.

The Prince's capitulation to the demands of tenants on his 35,000-acre Fucino Estate, north of here, came as peasants all over the country held left-sponsored "Peasant Day" rallies.

These rallies, called to press demands for land and for work, passed off quietly. Prince Torlonia's payment was made after his tenants had demanded wages for work done on the estate during a recent "strike in reverse."

On that occasion the unemployed and landless peasantry did road-mending and other estate jobs, ignoring orders to stop work.

The settlement has eased the tension at Fucino, where 10,000 acres are held as a shooting preserve. It had been considered probable that the local peasantry might follow the example of southern peasants and try to take over this land by force.

Meanwhile, in the South, the land occupation continued. It was estimated tonight that Calabrian peasants held about 100,000 acres of land, from which they have refused to move.—Reuter.

Author preaches in Cathedral

London, March 5.

Alan Paton, author of a best-selling novel on the colour problem, "Cry the Beloved Country," preached in St. Paul's Cathedral tonight.

The 46-year-old South African told the congregation: "We in South Africa are far from achieving a spiritual community. The political problems of fashioning a just multi-racial community overwhelm us in their magnitude. The responsibility of the Christian Churches in South Africa is great and inescapable. All of us are corrupted by history and the pride and fears of race."

Africa did not belong to white men or black men, Mr. Paton said. It was quite clear that Christ would have condemned any form of society in which some men secured themselves and their positions at the expense of others.—Reuter.

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THE GRAND ALLIANCE
Belgrade confusion

By Winston Churchill



one tangible result of our desperate efforts to form an Allied front in the Balkans and prevent all falling place, and the power of Mr. Eden had reached Malta on his way home, but on the news of the Belgrade revolution I thought he should change his plans and be upon the spot with General Dill and Wavell.

27 March, '41. In view of our defeat in Serbia it would surely be well for you both to be on the spot in Cairo so as to concert events. Now surely is the chance to bring in Turkey and form a joint front in the Balkans. Can you not get a meeting in Cyprus or Athens of all concerned? When you know the situation, ought you not to go to Belgrade? Meanwhile we are doing all possible and carrying on. I telegraphed to the President of Turkey.

27 March, '41. Your Excellency! The dramatic events which are occurring in Belgrade and throughout Yugoslavia may offer the best chance of preventing the German invasion of the Balkan peninsula. Surely now is the time to make a common front which Germany will hardly dare assault. I have cabled to President Roosevelt to ask him for assistance. I have also extended to all Powers resisting German aggression in the East. I am asking Mr. Eden and General Dill to concert all possible measures of common safety.

It was settled that Eden should remain in Athens to deal with Turkey and that General Dill should proceed to Belgrade. Anyone could see that the position of Yugoslavia was forlorn unless a common front was immediately presented by all the Powers concerned. There was however open to Yugoslavia the chance already mentioned of striking a deadly blow at the naked rear of the disorganised Italian armies in Albania. If they acted promptly they might bring about a major military event and while their own country was being ravaged from the North might possess themselves of the power of conducting the guerrilla war in their mountains which was now their only hope.

It would have been a grand stroke and would have reaped upon the whole Balkan scene. In our circle in London we all saw this together. The diagram below shows the movement which was deemed feasible.



THE BALKANS

The mistakes of years cannot be remedied in hours. When the general excitement had subsided everyone in Belgrade realised that disaster and death approached them and that there was little they could do to avert their fate. The High Command thought themselves forced to garrison Slovenia and Croatia, to maintain a fictitious internal cohesion. They could now at last mobilise their armies. But there was no strategic plan.

Confusion

Dill found only confusion and paralysis in Belgrade. "In spite of my best endeavours," he reported to Mr. Eden on April 1, "I was unable to persuade the President of the Council to agree to visit Yugoslavia in the immediate future. He made it plain that the Yugoslav Government, mainly for fear of the effect of the internal situation, were determined to take no step which might be considered provocative to Germany." On April 2 General Dill sent a full account of his mission to Belgrade, which shows how utterly remote from their immediate peril were the minds of the Yugoslav Ministers. One would have thought that their mood had outlasted their hope of a rescue in which they were depending about twice or even three times. Actually they had only 72 hours before the onslaught fell upon them. Dill wrote:

Victory and safety is to win a decisive forlorn victory in Albania, and collect the masses of equipment that would fall into your hands. When the four German mountain divisions reported by your General Staff as entraining in the Tyrol reach Albania a very different resistance will confront you than could be offered by fear of the demoralised Italians.

We have now to chronicle the only occasion when a dash of sentiment was allowed to mingle in the calculations of the Kremlin oligarchy.

The national movement in Belgrade had been a spontaneous revolt entirely divorced from the activities of the small illegal but Soviet-sponsored Yugoslav Communist party. After waiting a week Stalin decided to make a gesture. His officials were negotiating with Mr. Gavrilovic, the Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, and with a mission sent from Belgrade after the revolution. The progress had been made. During the night of April 5-6 the Yugoslav Ministers were summoned abruptly to the Kremlin. They were confronted with Stalin in person, who presented them with a point in direct view for signature. The work was speedily done. The work was speedily done. The work was speedily done.

slavia, and in the event of that country being attacked Russia would adopt an attitude of goodwill "based on friendly relations." This was at any rate an amicable promise. Gavrilovic stayed alone till morning discussing with Stalin the question of military supplies. As their conversations came to an end the Germans struck.

German planes appear

On the morning of April 6 German bombers appeared over Belgrade. Flying in relays from an occupied aerodrome near Bucharest, they delivered a methodical attack lasting three days upon the Yugoslav capital. From roof-top height, without fear of resistance, they blasted the city without mercy. This was called Operation "Punishment." When silence came at last on April 8 more than 17,000 citizens of Belgrade lay dead in the streets or under the debris.

Out of the nightmare of smoke and fire came the maddened animals released from their shattered cages in the zoological gardens. A stricken stork hobbled past the main hotel, which was a mass of flames. A bear, dazed and uncomprehending, shuffled through the inferno with slow and awkward gait down towards the Danube. He was not the only uncomprehending animal. The New Year had brought disturbing news from the Far East. The Japanese Navy was increasingly active off the coasts of Southern Indo-China. Japanese warships were reported in Saigon harbour and the Gulf of Siam. On January 31, 1941, the Japanese Government notified an armistice between the Vichy French and Siam. Rumours spread that this settlement of a frontier dispute in South East Asia was to be the prelude to the entry of Japan into war. The Germans were at the same time bringing increased pressure to bear upon Japan to attack the British at Singapore.

In the second week of February I became conscious of a stir and flutter in the Japanese Embassy and colony in London. They were evidently in a high state of excitement, and they chattered to one another with much indifference. In these days we kept our eyes and ears open. Various reports were laid before me which certainly gave the impression that they had received news from home which required them to pack up without a moment's delay.

The agitation among the Japanese in London subsided as quickly as it had begun. Silence and Oriental decorum reigned once more. On February 24 Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, came to see me. A record was kept of the meeting.

I dwelt upon the long and friendly relations of the two countries, my own feelings ever since the Japanese Alliance of 1902, and the great desire that we all felt here not to sunder the relations between the two countries.

Japan could not expect us to view with approval what was going on in China, but we had maintained a correct attitude of neutrality, and indeed a very different kind of neutrality to that which we had shown when we had helped them in their war against Russia. We had not the slightest intention of attacking Japan, and had no prospect of her other than a prosperous and peaceful one. I said what a pity it would be if at this stage, when she already had China on her hands, she got into a war with Great Britain, and the United States.

The Ambassador said that Japan had no intention of attack-



Our version of Kai-Tak's security measures recorded: "All police constables on duty within the airport limits are attached to the airport police station." Right to the very door?

"Noted religious outcast wants to fight Pope." Even as an amateur event, this should prove quite a draw.

"I'll stick to beer." Correspondent sends in a letter about A. Gimlet, who was involved in a traffic accident, implying that it was singular if it wasn't in the plural.

A "well-educated Chinese young girl" advertises for a job, ending with the remark: "Salary no objection."

"Catholics plump for Leopold." Once again, say, damn that Kensington account.

France's premier was reported by a contemporary as promising remedies for low-paid workers as now strikes "threatened to engulf more of the nation's most vital industries." This is known as a vicious circle.

Mao and Chou given warm welcome on return to Peking. Well, it was rather a happy release.

Stockbrokers get religion. "World free gold market looks upward."

Keep it dark. "You don't have to believe this, but it did happen yesterday. Bloke rang up the Army exchange, asking where Victoria Barracks is situated. He was told: Sorry, but for security reasons we cannot divulge such information."

"How to get old." Don't you think we'll find out soon enough?

According to the fish merchants, there is no cornering of the market. It's just that the public like to pay sky-high prices.

"Lengthy argument as to whether it was necessary or not" for defendant to appear in court made a splash lead story yesterday.

Needless defendant appeared later in the editor's office. The carpet, he noted, had an interesting pattern.

A New York chemist asserts there is no harm in bubble-gum. Did he ever try sitting on it?

ing us or the United States, and had no desire to become involved in a war with either Power. They would not attempt to attack Singapore or Australia, and he repeated several times that they would not attempt to gain a footing or make encroachments in the Dutch East Indies. The only complaint which Japan had, he said, was our attitude to China, which was encouraging China and adding to their difficulties.

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THE COLD WAR WARMS UP

Now that Spring is here, a lot of political people seem to be turning their fancies to matters not normally associated with the season. Instead of thoughts of love, the weekend has brought us a sharpening of the cold war. The headlines tell the tale: Communists in Britain predict an intensification of the class struggle by workers' mass struggles in the factories and streets! Soviet building an air armada for world conquest! Peking turned to pattern of Police State! Communist Invasion of Indo-China may cause International War! Senate Committee passes Bill controlling activities of American Communists! Hong Kong too hard a nut for Reds to crack! Hong Kong said to be training ground for Red agents! Russians pour into Peking! Rival Nationalist and Communist groups in New York's Chinese quarter fight pitched battle! Nearer and nearer to a shooting war! And a variety of other stories more or less related to the cold war.

The most considerable effort is the statement by the unofficial body headed by Lord Vansittart and M. Reynaud, known as the International Committee for Study of European Affairs. This alleged that Hong Kong is the main training ground for Communist agents whose job it is to create havoc in South East Asia, "thus enabling the Chinese Communists and Soviet Russia to conquer all Asia, including India." The statement alleges that a group exists here to which it gives the awe-inspiring title of "Supreme Communist Council"—composed of six National Committees, each with five directing members. Its job is said to be to organise action by the Chinese populations in the six countries of South East Asia.

In view of the fact that there is far more independence in either of these two countries than there is in the China of "leaning to the Soviet side." There is no British "Port Arthur" in India, and poor as India is, her economic position, and prospects, are nothing like so bad as they are in China today. But there is no point in bandying words on details. The issue of Communism as a domestic policy in China is a matter for the Chinese themselves. But a policy which links up their Government in the conspiracies and violent policies of the Cominform in other lands is a totally different matter.

It is a challenge that has to be met and answered no less vigorously both within the States thus threatened and by international action, on every plane—political, economic, and if necessary military.

Intervention within China would be a fatal mistake. Communist intervention in other States in South East Asia can be made as fatal for the Communists. It is the policy possessing the least claims to popular support in China, for Nationalism remains a far greater political and psychological factor not only in South East Asia but even in China herself. It has been a basic factor not only in Yugoslavia but even in satellite countries which are garrisoned by Russian troops as the purges of lifelong Communists leaders showed. And it is an aggressive and challenging policy that can follow Mao Tse-tung's way and not that of Nehru.

Ever since the Prague Communist Congress, in April, the dominant faction in China have committed themselves to the orthodox Stalinist doctrine in theory, and in their own country, in armed action and seizure of power. "To think that revolution can be carried out peacefully within the framework of bourgeois democracy... means either madness and the loss of normal human understanding," wrote Stalin, "or else open and gross repudiation of the proletarian revolution." The Bolshevik Revolution is the pattern, first at home and then abroad.

It was emphasised in our own midst only a week or two ago by the "Ta Kung Pao" which urged the peoples of Asia (including presumably Hong Kong) to follow Mao Tse-tung's way and not that of Nehru.

Great satisfaction

The news of the revolution in Belgrade naturally gave us great satisfaction. Here at least was

declared that there are two ways of carrying out the fight against the Colonial system—the way followed by China, North Korea and Indo-China, and the way followed by India, Indonesia and the Philippines. In countries that followed the Bolshevik way, it said, "the people" are in power, but in the others "colonialism is nominally abolished but actually still existent. Thus India and the Philippines are nominally independent but their people have no more freedom than before, and their livelihood is in no way better."

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FRENCH LABOUR CRISIS DEEPENS AS FIGHTING RENEWED IN ASSEMBLY

Paris transport workers vote to strike indefinitely

Paris, March 5.

The French labour crisis deepened tonight as fighting broke out in the National Assembly arena again and Paris transport workers voted to strike at five a.m. tomorrow for an indefinite period.

The marathon debate on the government's anti-sabotage bill, interrupted by a Communist charge of Right Wing benches, was resumed at 4 p.m., but Communist deputies continued stalling tactics with long-winded speeches from the tribune.

Israel may start war, Arab says

Cairo, March 5.

Israel—realising that she must expand or collapse—was preparing for a new aggression which may come at any time, Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, declared today.

He said that Israel was receiving large quantities of arms from Czechoslovakia and other countries, and now had "a modern army, if anything better equipped than the Arab forces."

"The Jews know that having started on a course of aggression they must continue," Azzam Pasha continued. "If they stop the new State will collapse. Men and money are being pushed into the little bridgehead that is Israel, and expansion has become for the Jews a matter of life or death."

Azzam Pasha continued: "The remainder of Palestine is the Jews' immediate goal. They are now awaiting a new opportunity to attack. Experience shows there is nothing to prevent the Jews from flouting international authority and presenting the United Nations with a fait accompli."

"Modern history is encouraging to aggression. There is no single case where the United Nations has taken decisive action to deter an aggressor."

"Aggression in Palestine was started by the Jews, while the role of the Arabs has always been, and will continue to be, purely defensive."

"In the event of a new Jewish aggression, the Arabs will, of course, fight."—Reuter.

FIRE KILLS SIX IN AMERICA

Cumpton, New Hampshire,

March 5.

A flash fire raced through an isolated dwelling in this town late on Saturday night killing a father and his five young children. The flames leveled the single-story four-room house where Charles Smith, aged 34, and his children ranging in age from three to 12 were trapped. The mother was visiting in another section of the town at that time.

The authorities believed that the overheated stove started the blaze.—United Press.

Thanks, Mao says to Joe

London, March 5.

The Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, has cabled Premier Stalin thanks for his "warm and kind hospitality" to the Chinese delegation which concluded the Sino-Russian treaty in Moscow, the New China news agency announced today in a broadcast from Peking. Mao arrived in Peking on Saturday.

The broadcast said that Mao sent the following cable as he and his Chinese delegation returned to China: "Comrade Stalin. We are nearing the border of the USSR and the People's Republic of China. On leaving the great country of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, I wish to express to you and all responsible comrades in the Soviet Government my deep gratitude for your warm and kind hospitality and wish for unbounded strength and prosperity to the Soviet Union led by you."

The Premier, Chou En-lai, cabled thanks to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, the broadcast said.—United Press.

Veteran Red slain in Prague

Prague, March 5.

A veteran Slovak Communist, Ezidor Tausinger, was murdered in his office on Friday, the Slovak Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" reported today.

Tausinger gave no inkling as to whether the slayer was caught. The Prague press also announced today that the Czechoslovak Journalists Union had expelled Vilem Novy, former editor-in-chief of the Communist organ "Rude Pravo," because he had been unmasked as an agent in the service of imperialism.

Novy spent the war years in London, where he became a friend of the Czech Foreign Minister, Vladimir Clementis, after the Czech liberation in May 1945, the Communist newspaper "Rude Pravo" was revived and Novy became chief editor. He was also a deputy in Parliament and chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

He was purged from his foreign affairs post at the same time that he lost his editor's job in November, according to the official announcement, although he had disappeared from this post some weeks before.

Old line Red

Novy was an old line Communist. Before the war, he was a prominent newspaperman and wrote Czech Communist literature prolifically in pamphlets and books.

On the murder of Tausinger, "Pravda" said today: "On March 3, 1950, Comrade Ezidor Tausinger fell under the hand of a foul murderer."

The paper said Tausinger, an old Bolshevik who had been with the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia since it was founded in 1921, was "slain by the murderer while he was at work." It revealed no other details about the killing.

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Radical left wing has fallen in line on nationalisation

London, March 5.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has persuaded the Radical Left Wing of the Labour Party to support his decision not to attempt further nationalisation of industry in the present Parliament, political quarters reported tonight.

Labour Leftists, led by the Health Minister, Aneurin Bevan, were in a rebellious mood over Mr. Attlee's decision to go slow on Socialistic legislation because of Labour's tiny seven-seat majority in the new House of Commons.

However, it was reported on the eve of the formal opening of the new Parliament that the Leftists were persuaded that to get tough with the Opposition would only mean trouble.

Britain's Parliamentary battle of the century opened tomorrow when His Majesty King George VI reads the "speech from the Throne," a statement actually written by the Cabinet outlining the Labour Government's legislation programme. It is reported authoritatively that the speech will make no mention of further nationalisation schemes. The measure nationalising the great iron and steel industry has already been enacted, but it will not go into effect until next January 1, and because of the small majority Labour won in the February 23 election there will be a new election before then.

Mr. Crossman said Mr. Bevan was far too shrewd to rock the boat.

"The Left Wing of the Labour Party, just as much as the Right Wing, appreciated the leadership of the Prime Minister during the election and trusts him to time the next election wisely, meanwhile to carry on genuine Socialist administration," wrote Mr. Crossman.

He said the main task of the new government was "not passing new laws but running in the brand new planned Socialist economy and removing its many obvious defects."

The Senate Republican floor leader, Kenneth Wherry, today urged a 50 per cent cut in President Truman's request for a US\$2,950,000,000 third-year instalment on the Marshall foreign aid plan.

However, the Democratic leader, Scott Lucas, said such a reduction would "kill" the programme and predicted that Congress would approve the new ECA grant requested by the Administrator, Paul Hoffman.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was to hold a big closed hearing on the aid bill this week and may send the measure to the floor by the weekend. The Committee chairman, Tom Connally, predicted that it would be approved.

Senator Wherry told a reporter \$1,500,000,000 should be trimmed from ECA funds as the start of a general campaign to reduce all Federal spending and bring the budget into balance. He said another \$1,000,000,000 should be cut from other foreign spending, with special emphasis on the arms for Europe programme.—United Press.

"Immediately after the liberation he became active in reconstruction work and never missed a day. He was slain by the murderer while at work."—United Press.

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"Pravda" said Tausinger fought with the Red guards at Leningrad during the Soviet revolution and later joined the Czech Party. He worked as an officer until 1939 when the Party was outlawed by the Nazis. It said he fought in the underground during the war and was gaoled three times by the Nazis.

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Novy was an old line Communist. Before the war, he was a prominent newspaperman and wrote Czech Communist literature prolifically in pamphlets and books.

On the murder of Tausinger, "Pravda" said today: "On March 3, 1950, Comrade Ezidor Tausinger fell under the hand of a foul murderer."

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EARLY NEGOTIATION OF JAP PEACE PACT LIKELY, RUSSIANS SAY

Washington, March 5.

Some Soviet officials here say they see no serious obstacle to an early negotiation of Japanese peace treaty once the issue of United States recognition of Communist China is settled. One Russian with wide experience in Far Eastern matters predicted privately that the recognition issue may be settled "within a year." The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has said that recognition now is out of question.

Burma not keen on Pacific pact

New York, March 5. A New York "Times" despatch from Rangoon today quoted the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, as stating that Burma would not join a Pacific military alliance but would be interested in joining an anti-aggression bloc.

The "Times" correspondent, Robert Trumbull, said that the interview was given in the form of an exchange of letters as the Prime Minister was dissatisfied with the interpretation put on his remarks by a reporter for an American magazine who had interviewed him recently.

"Burma has not the slightest desire to become a part of the Soviet bloc or any other bloc," the Prime Minister was reported to have said, "because such blocs smack of war."

"Burma is not interested in joining a Pacific Union that has been mentioned in some quarters if the Union is in the nature of a military alliance."

Approach for aid

Thakin Nu said that Burma had approached the United States through the State Department for military and economic aid. "The form of aid and the purpose for which it is sought have been intimated to the United States. In the interests of both countries, it is considered improper to divulge them outside of official circles," he added.

The Prime Minister said that he welcomed the State Department mission which is to visit Burma among other countries of South-East Asia.

Among other statements the Burmese Prime Minister made were:

Burma would welcome "an offer of help from any friendly nation to ward off encroachments on its frontiers."

"Our declared policy in regard to foreign affairs—of not aligning ourselves with any bloc—does not exclude us from co-operating as closely as possible with the Western democracies in matters relating to economic development."

"The outlook for peace in Burma is decidedly brighter at the present time than a year ago. It aid from friendly countries is forthcoming, the anti-insurrection drive can be accelerated and the restoration of peace and stability can be rapid," Thakin Nu added.—Reuter.

These Russians insist, however, that once the issue is solved, it will be relatively simple for the United States, Russia, Britain and other wartime Pacific partners to get together on the Japanese treaty.

They appear to believe that the problem will be nowhere near as difficult and involved as the German peace treaty.

They point out for example that no serious territorial problems will be involved in the Japanese treaty.

The Soviet officials also believe that reparations will not pose any serious obstacle.

These views were expressed by Soviet officials informally at social gatherings and are not presented as the official position of Moscow. However, since the signing of the Sino-Russian treaty with its pledge that both powers would work toward an early Japanese peace treaty, the Soviet officials have expected the Kremlin to launch a Far Eastern "peace offensive."

Biggest obstacle

The biggest obstacle to the Japanese peace talks hitherto has been the Soviet insistence on "veto" in any peace conference. Soviet officials who speak of the possibility of an early treaty are close-mouthed as to how this problem is to be met.

Some observers speculated that Moscow might abandon its "veto" demand if and when the American recognition of Communist China comes. Russian officials here appear to take it for granted that the United States must and will recognize the Communist government of China despite Mr. Acheson's insistence that it still must learn to deal with the West in the civilized manner. They concede that it may take some time and agree that "face" is involved in such Communist anti-American provocations as the Angus Ward case and the mistreatment of other American officials.

However, they feel this way: The United States, in its White Paper, condemned Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. The Americans had hoped for a liberal and democratic "third force" in China but this did not materialize. The Communists control the mainland and Chiang will not be able to fight his way back from Taiwan. The Communist Government is therefore a reality and the United States must realize that it is a reality.—United Press.

EARTHQUAKE IN SINKIANG

London, March 5. An earthquake shock "of slight intensity" was registered in New Delhi today, New Delhi Radio reported.

It was believed to be centred on the Western border of the province of Sinkiang, in China.—Reuter.

Egypt's role in M. East discussed

Cairo, March 5.

Egypt's role in Middle East defence has been discussed at a fortnight's conference by her diplomatic envoys to the world's main capitals, an official communique disclosed here tonight.

The communique listed the following subjects as having been discussed:

- (1) Decisions reached at the recent conference of Egyptian envoys to the Arab capitals.
- (2) Egypt's national aspirations.
- (3) World peace.
- (4) Relations between the East and Western blocs.
- (5) The Arab collective security pact.
- (6) An Islam-Christian rapprochement to fight Communism.
- (7) Economic and social affairs.
- (8) Consular treaties with foreign powers.
- (9) The United Nations.

The communique said that the conference discussed the subjects from every angle, reserving the nation's right as an "effective, peace-loving member of the United Nations."

According to informed observers, the conference discussed relations with Britain from the political and economic viewpoints, including Egypt's Sterling balances.

Other questions discussed were steps to explain Egypt's attitude towards the Big Powers and the role played by her to protect the Middle East against "serious developments which may threaten world peace."

The conference pointed out the necessity for taking more effective measures to defeat propaganda spread against Egypt abroad, and for giving more power to Egypt's diplomatic representatives in foreign capitals.—Reuter.

CATHOLIC CALL FOR LEOPOLD

Brussels, March 5. Belgian Roman Catholic clergy today urged churchgoers to vote in favour of the return of Leopold III, exiled King of the Belgians, in next Sunday's nationwide "advisory" referendum.

An estimated 90 per cent of the Belgian population are Catholic and the appeal is expected to have considerable effect on the vote.—United Press.



Key to success in Asia is will to resist Reds

Manila, March 5.

The key to success in the fight of Asian countries against Communism is their will to resist, in the opinion of some of the best qualified American observers.

The phrase "will to resist" has been heard here frequently, since United States diplomats got together in Bangkok in February for a symposium on Far Eastern problems.

Open conflict over refugee admission

Bonn, March 5.

Open conflict between Western Allied and West German authorities over the admission into West Germany of German refugees, expelled or about to be expelled from Poland, seemed inevitable today.

A British spokesman today said the Allies "would see that their instructions to the German authorities to refuse any refugees not included in the lists of names drawn up under an Allied-Polish agreement last November were followed."

The American diplomats had little to say publicly on their conclusions at Bangkok which were transmitted to the State Department. But here is a sample of what they say privately about the steady flow of Communism in the Far East.

The United States, they say, can win the battle of Communism in this troubled part of the globe only with the determined help of the peoples who are in danger of being engulfed by Communism. In more specific terms, this means that these countries must strengthen their economies, put their governments in order, and look after the well-being of their peoples.

In addition, Asian nations must be vigilant against Communist movements already operating within their borders, and be prepared to battle any infiltration from the outside.

Determination needed

If all these conditions were met, then the United States would have a good chance to offer help that would count in their resistance to Communism. American Far Eastern experts believe. American assistance could be economic or military, or both, but the feeling is that it would be wasted unless the individual governments showed a real determination to the red menace.

One official said this by explaining that in each country the situation was different—that in some there was a strong will to keep out Communism and in others a weaker attitude.

This problem, according to experts, is closely linked with that of leadership. In countries where the leadership is strong, the resistance to Communism is believed to be more likely to succeed.

At Bangkok, the American representatives were gravely concerned about the lack of competent leadership in some countries which are targets of Communism, it was learned. This was a problem to which there apparently was no immediate answer.

The diplomats concluded that no specific line could be drawn to contain Communism. The task—admittedly a big one—will be to offer as much material help and guidance as possible in each threatened country.

The rest, the experts believe, is up to the free countries of the Asia-Pacific sphere to do for themselves.—United Press.

RIOTING IN INDIA

Aligarh, United Provinces, March 5. Four people were reported to have been killed and a number of others injured in communal rioting here yesterday.

A 24-hour curfew was imposed in certain areas.—Reuter.

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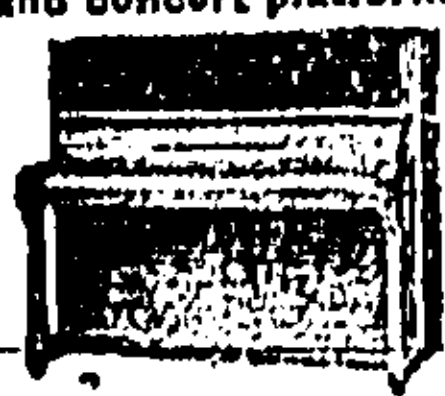
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is a symbol of her royal status which gives her the right to
wear a highly decorative costume with richly ornamented
necklace and earrings. The mountain tribes of Indo-China,
including the Meos, have a reputation for hardness. Asso-
ciated Press Photo.

Submarine trip to check on slope of sea

London, March 4.

A British submarine is to survey the Eastern
Mediterranean in May to find out how much
the sea's surface slopes.

The Admiralty announced today that the sub-
marine Talent will sail from Malta to make
at least 120 gravity measurements.

The expedition has a double
object.

Firstly, gravity measurements
will be used to calculate the
shape of the sea's surface. Large
masses of material, such as
mountains, attract the sea to-
wards them and so cause the
surface of the water to "slope"
down slightly from the coast.

Ships, relying on astronomical
methods of navigation, will there-
fore be misled when trying to

fix their position by measuring
the altitude of the sun or stars
above the horizon.

Near the South of Cyprus, for
example, errors of up to half a
mile are already known to occur.

Secondly, gravity measurements
can be used to detect large mas-
ses of rock below the sea bed.

Although the coast of Africa
appears to be a very stable area,
Italy, Greece and Turkey have
undergone great changes in re-
cent geological times, and the
Admiralty statement said, "Even
now very powerful forces must
be at work, for the whole region
is subject to earthquakes and
volcanoes."

It added, "To get a more ac-
curate idea of what is taking
place, it is necessary to know the
conditions below the sea. Here,
usual methods of geology cannot
be used, for if a grab and trawl
is lowered to the bottom, it is
found almost everywhere to be
covered with mud, and rock
specimens can be obtained only
in a few areas."

But gravity measurements can
detect the presence of buried
structures. Their attraction is
often very small—sometimes only
a few millionths of the attraction
of the rest of the earth, but
modern scientific apparatus can
be so sensitive that even these
minute differences are detectable.

"Unfortunately, the very
delicate instruments which
must be used cannot be oper-
ated except under extremely
steady conditions. The pitching
and rolling of a surface ship
would make it quite impossible
to use them at sea."

"This trouble was first over-
come in 1926 by the Dutch sci-
entist, Professor Vening Meinesz,
who installed his apparatus in a
submarine and made his meas-
urements while submerged."

"At only a few hundred feet
he found that even a rough sea
could hardly be felt. Since then,
many submarine gravity surveys
have been made by the Dutch
and other nations, and British
expeditions have already made
observations in the Atlantic
(1946) and the English Channel
(1948)."

"The new survey will link up
with previous French and Italian
measurements in the Western
Mediterranean and also with
land observations in Italy, the
Dodecanese, Cyprus, Syria and
Egypt."

LONDON HOODLUMS ARE NEW CHALLENGE TO YARD

London, March 5.

Hoodlums with violence on their minds and guns,
blackjacks and lead pipes in their hands have
created a month-long wave of violent crime
in London that is driving Scotland Yard to
distraction.

There have been at least 30 attacks of violence by
hoodlums within the past five weeks, the police
report, in addition to dozens of other robberies
and instances of housebreaking.

The British Board of Film
Censors has accused Hollywood
films of being partly to blame
and has threatened to crack down
on films depicting violence.

Sir Harold Scott, London Police
Commissioner, said juvenile
criminals in the age group 17-21
have increased by 40 per cent
since the war and been respon-
sible for most of the recent
crimes in the wave.

"Cosh bandits strike again,"
said the "Daily Herald" yesterday
in announcing four new crimes of
violence within the past 24 hours.

One of the most systematic work-
ing gangs which slugged and
tied up the watchman at the
Calford greyhound race track to
blow the safe and make off with
£2,390 on February 12.

London newspapers began play-
ing up the crime wave, before
the elections, then showed it on
the back pages to make space for
election news, but now the hood-
lums are on Page One again.

"Woman stabbed to death in
street," "London bandit clubs
jeweller," "Bandit beats up
widow," "Four new attacks in 24
hours," "Youth crime shocks na-
tion," "Iron bar gang sets am-
bush" are typical headlines
gleaned from London papers of
the past few weeks. There are
dozens more.

Hunger is greatest of politicians

London, March 5.

Revolutionary Communism
is likely to spread from Asia
to Africa, the Middle East and
Latin America because "hun-
ger is the greatest of all
politicians," Lord Boyd Orr,
former Director-General of the
United Nations Food and
Agricultural Organisation, de-
clared here today.

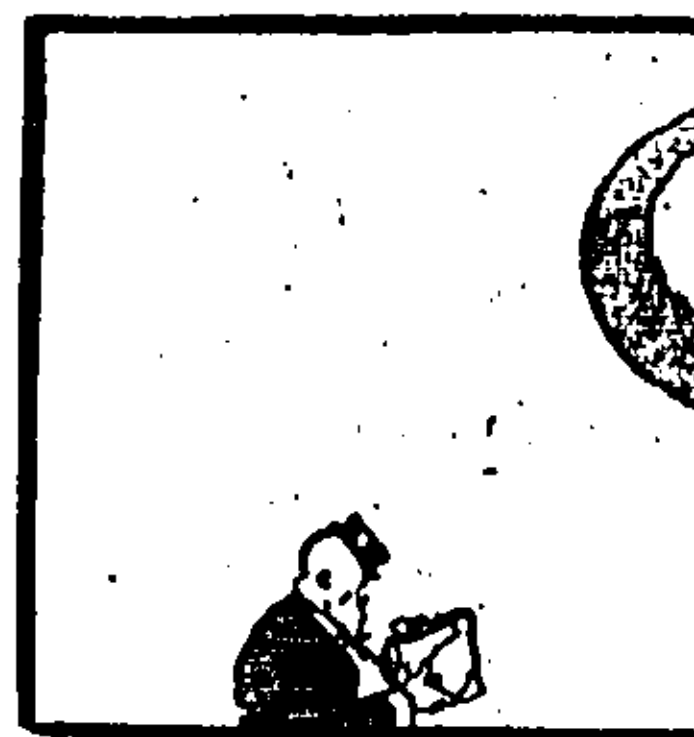
Lord Boyd Orr gave this warn-
ing in an address to the Asso-
ciation of Scientific Workers. It was
read to the meeting because he
is ill with influenza.

Lord Boyd Orr claimed that no
military action could stop the
spread of Communism among the
world's ill-fed people. If the Com-
munists could deliver the goods,
"Today the people of Asia, who
have long borne poverty with
resignation as something inevit-
able, have come to believe that
if they take their countries into
their own hands and establish a
new order, they can abolish hun-
ger and poverty," he said.

"There is no use saying that
this is just the spread of Com-
munism. It is true that the Com-
munists take advantage of it and
promise the people what they
want."—Reuter.

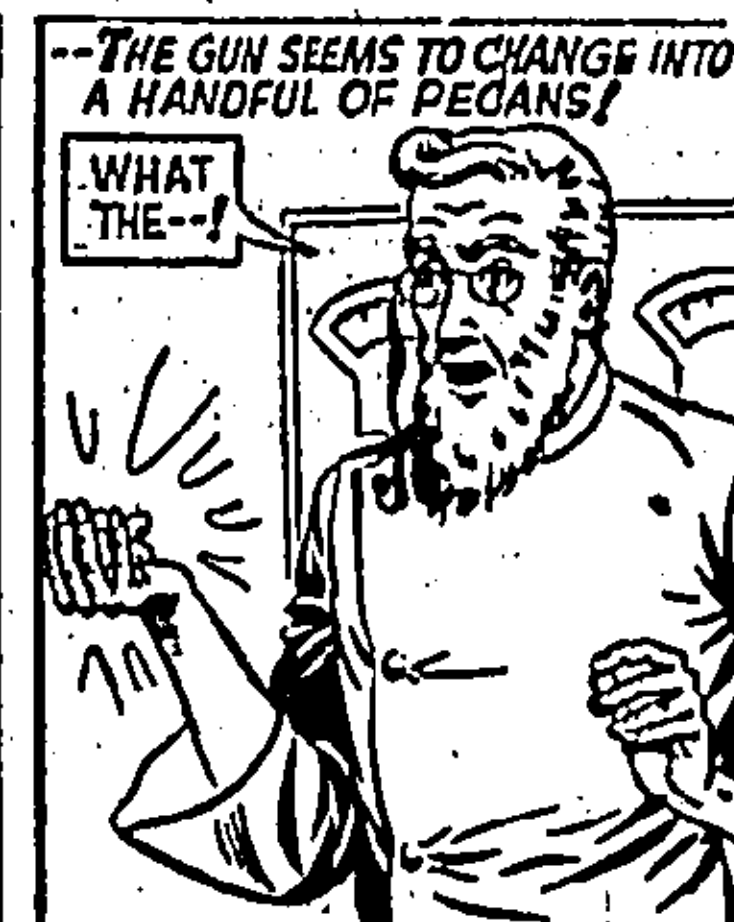
The increase in violent crimes
over a year ago is at least 50 per
cent, said one police official. He
admitted that Chicago and New
York no longer had a monopoly
on gangsters.—United Press.

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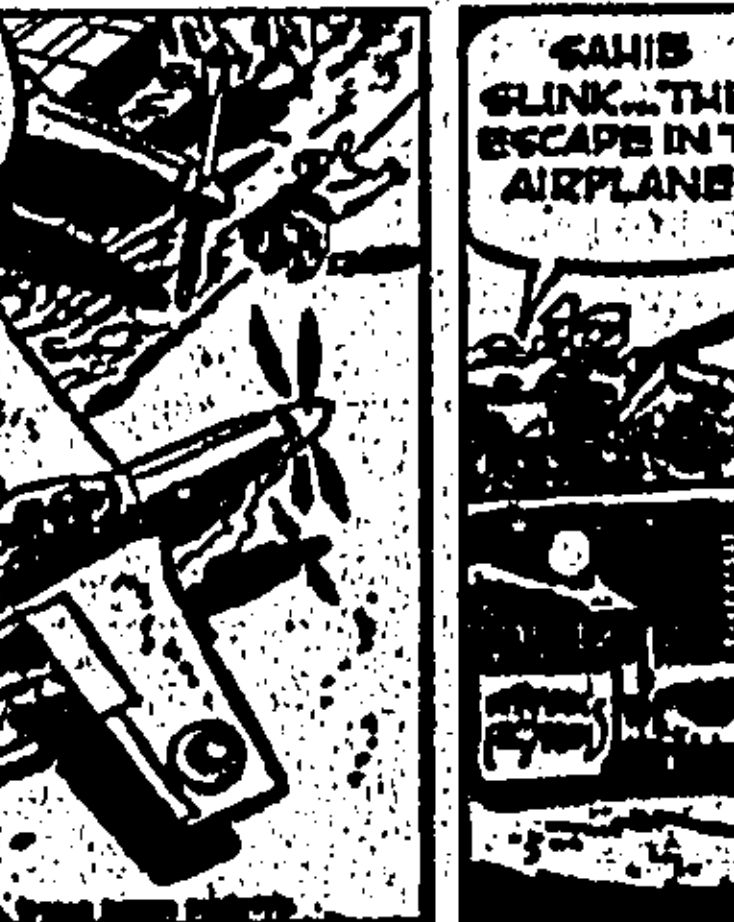
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SAIGON PREPARES TO RECEIVE U.S. MISSION

Unrest in Turkmen reported

Teheran, March 5. Refugees crossing the Russian border into Iran are reporting widespread unrest in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic.

Soviet newspapers they carry tend to support their stories, saying:

1. Moslem workers are using slow down tactics against bosses sent in from Moscow.
2. There is a growing coolness toward the Communist party.
3. The Moscow administration is lagging badly in repairing earthquake damage in the Turkmen capital of Ashkhabad, which was mostly destroyed in 1948.
4. Cotton workers are refusing to go to the fields, charging their Moscow appointed supervisors treat them as slave labour.

The Turkmen Republic is in the extreme South of Soviet Central Asia, bordering on Iran and Afghanistan.

The refugees say it is now being "Russified," with forced immigration, slaving Russians who are displacing the native Turkmen Moslems.—Associated Press.

Epidemics sweeping over China

San Francisco, March 5. Peking Radio reported today that wide-spread plagues and epidemics are sweeping over China. It reported that the outbreaks are extending throughout the country.

The radio said that an anti-plague team with enough vaccine for a million people rushed from Manchuria to the Southernmost tip of Kwangtung province. Another team went to Fukien province, the South Eastern coast as well as Chahar, adjacent to Manchuria.

Smallpox vaccine was rushed to Sinkiang, Szechuan, Honan, Shantung, and Anhwei provinces while diphtheria experts have also gone to Shantung and Honan, the Communist broadcast reported.

Special clinics are being established on the banks of the Yellow River to combat Kala-azar fever, the Radio said, adding that the production of serums and vaccines is being speeded in Tientsin and Dairen laboratories.—United Press.

Local police and military units reinforced security measures today to insure the safety of the visiting American mission and thwart a reported terrorist "demonstration of strength".

A special guard has been assigned for the 24-hour protection of the Americans, who arrive early this week on the first leg of their tour through South East Asia.

The police doubt that any assassination attempt will be made against the Americans, but expect Communist Ho Chi-minh's guerrillas to accelerate terrorism to impress the Commission, by acts such as time-bombing power facilities as was done during the recent visit of the roving American Ambassador, Philip Jessup.

The Commission can expect to hear grenade explosions, which are a daily occurrence here in the midst of French-Indo-China, as the Vietnamese insurgents attempt to terrorise the populace and drive out French troops supporting the Emperor Bao Dai in Vietnam.

Members of the Commission will find that Saigon is like Paris in the midst of a perpetual heat-wave—except that the brandy drinkers at boulevard cafes never know when a grenade may fly out from a passing Citroen or Jeep.

The city is crowded with men in uniform, representing every branch of the armed services. There are white-capped Foreign Legionnaires, troopers and lots of God-braided naval officers. For newsmen, it is like Palestine at the height of the extremist terrorism.

Despite the uncertainty of life, Frenchmen accept the situation with a traditional shrug of the shoulders and hope not to be in the wrong spot at the wrong time.

There is a nightly curfew beginning at one a.m. and lasting until five, but the streets are usually deserted before midnight. Curfew enforcements were tightened recently.

Nightclubs are doing good business, with floorshows imported from Paris, and Philippine dance bands attracting large crowds every night. Ten clubs are operating, one offering a complete gambling casino.

There is no rationing of any kind and there is plenty of food. Imported French wines and champagne. Four planes each week deliver Riviera flowers to the flower shops of Saigon. The new Constellation airlines make Paris only 32 hours away.

(Saigon is in the middle of the biggest construction boom in its history, despite the Vietnam revolution and the collapse of the rubber and rice markets, which forced the basis of the country's economy. Capital is mostly from French investors in Paris.

Saigon, March 5.

Commission of inquiry on Karens

Rangoon, March 5.

A special Government Commission of Inquiry concerning the Karenni State started work today. It hopes to complete its survey within three months.

Burma's Foreign Minister and Minister for the Shan States, Sao Khun Hkio, is the chairman of the Commission. There are nine other members.

The Commission will advise the Government on any amendments to the Constitution which it may consider necessary. The Constitution of Burma passed in October, 1947, provided that the Union should consist of the territories formerly governed through the Governor of Burma, and the Karenni State, formed of the States of Kantarawaddy, Bawlake and Kyebogyi.

The Karenni area lies astride the Salween River, roughly 200 miles North of Moulmein.

The Commission will enquire whether the peoples of the Karenni State wish to be known as Kayah, and their territory as the Kayah State. It was reported three weeks ago that the whole of the Karenni State, which had been overrun by the insurgent Karen National Defence Organisation, had been rid of insurgents except for the Mawchi mines.—Reuter.

Comments on banning of Red Dean

New York, March 5.

The "Herald-Tribune" today supported the State Department's stand on banning the Picasso-Johnson peace mission.

The editorial said both men would be welcomed as outstanding individuals in their fields and tolerated for political aberrations.

"But when these two men join themselves to a group of Communists and fellow travellers proposing to come here as a 'peace mission' seeking an interview with the President and calling for an opportunity to address Congress, the issue of their admittance takes another light... The group of admitted political agitators need not be clasped to the bosom of free society."

The New York "Times" however, thought the "partisans of peace" should have been admitted to the United States.

Its editorial said: "We do not think anything this deluded group of Communist-oriented spokesmen can say will undermine our institutions or subvert our system of government... We do not fear the effect of these men on America; on the contrary, the breath of free American air might even have done them all some good."—United Press.

Search for three missing planes in U.S.

New York, March 5.

Air and Sea searchers scouted Lake Michigan and the Atlantic Ocean off Rhode Island today, hunting for three aeroplanes missing with a total of 10 persons aboard.

A twin-engine Air Force C-47, carrying six men, radioed it was running out of gas last night, then crashed and vanished in the stormy waters of Lake Michigan. Near Westerly, Rhode Island, two private planes, with four persons aboard, disappeared early yesterday morning.

The Coast Guard reported that its cutter, Sunday, picked up a body four and a quarter miles East of Milwaukee today. The area is about 18 miles North of Westerly, where the crashed transport plane was believed to have gone down.—United Press.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 848 kilocycles per second and on 121 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

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8.10	Broadcast for Schools—History—'We Were There' (BBC). 'We Waited for News'—The Defeat of the Spanish Armada.
12.20	'Hong Kong Calling'—Programme Summary.
12.35	'Memories'—Played by Reginald Forsyth & Arthur Young on Two Pianos.
12.45	London Studio Melodies—The Melchior Orchestra (BBC).
1.15	News—Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25	Interlude.
1.30	'Orchestra of the Week'—Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra with Chorus.
2.05	Close Down.
6.05	'Hong Kong Calling'—Programme Summary.
6.20	'It's Swing Time'.
6.45	'Cantonese by Radio'—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr. E. K. Lee (Studio).
6.50	Paul Weston and His Orchestra.
7.00	World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
7.15	'Letter from America'—Presented by Allister Cooke, (London Relay Recorded).
7.30	'Stars and Screen Favourites'—Presented by Allister Cooke, (Studio).
8.00	'From the Editorials' (London Relay).
8.10	'Don 200'—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ.
8.30	'The Blue Danube'—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries (Ep. 4).
9.00	A Century of Music—Richard Strauss and the Symphony.
9.10	Poem: A Talk by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S. J. (Studio).
9.30	The Music of Richard Strauss.
10.00	Radio News Report (London Relay).
10.15	Weather Report.
10.30	The Story of the Weather Map—A Talk by Len Starbuck, (Studio).
10.45	Popular Vocal Groups.
10.55	Music for Dancing.
11.15	Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain, (London Relay Recorded).
11.30	Close Down.

Rediffusion

A.M.	
7.00	Up With The Sun.
7.15	Getting Up Exercises.
7.30	Music for the Home.
7.45	Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00	News & Weather Forecast.
8.15	Salon Concert Players.
8.30	Morning Music.
9.00	Comics & Quizboard.
10.00	Music For All.
11.00	The Four Knights.
11.15	Waits Time.
11.30	Parade of Rhythms.
P.M.	
12.40	H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.55	'Tune' Time.
1.30	Light Music.
1.45	Swing.
1.55	News.
2.00	From the Shows.
2.30	Variety Calls The Tune.
2.45	The Newtime Trio.
3.15	Tropicals.
4.30	Vocally Yours.
5.00	Music Makers.
5.15	Children's Corner.
5.30	Music for the Home.
6.00	Radio Headlines.
6.30	Theatrical Singers.
7.00	B.B.C. News.
7.15	Local News.
7.30	Concert Hall.
7.45	Listen to Lebert.
8.00	Harmonica Harmony.
8.15	Gummy Kaye and His Orchestra.
8.30	Rediffusion Request Show.
9.00	B.B.C. News.
9.15	Local News.
9.30	Vincent Lopez.
9.45	'Free For All'.
10.00	Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth.
10.15	Anne Shelton.
11.15	Planets.
11.45	Stardust.
12.00	Close Down.

Don Juan in Italy to visit Rome

Genoa, March 5.

Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish Throne, arrived here by sea tonight from Lisbon.

His arrival heightened persistent rumours in political quarters here that he was to preside over a secret Spanish Royalist meeting in Rome.

He denied to journalists that his visit had any political significance whatsoever.

He said he would visit Rome purely as a holiday visitor.

Italian political quarters noted that a number of prominent Spanish Royalists were already in Rome. They include the Duke of Alba, former Spanish Ambassador to Britain.

Others expected in the next few days include General Kindelan, for long a leader in the Royalist movement.

Don Juan said he would leave Italy on March 28 for Lisbon, probably on his way to the United States.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CLAIM IS ABSURD

Vienna, March 5.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl, today denied an alleged Communist claim that Austria's request for a reduction of occupied troops meant that Austria wanted three peace treaties instead of one.

The Austrian Government had fought ever since 1945 to achieve the freedom and unity of Austria without entanglements with one side or the other, the Chancellor added.

"Austria must not become a satellite state," he declared.—Reuter.



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Lesson 27

Vocabulary:		
127. (man) (1)mun		To hear. To smell.
128. (chi) jee(2)		Paper.
129. (cheung) jeng(1)		To spread out.
		Classifier for papers, sheets, tables, etc.
		To listen.
		To speak. To talk about.
Combinations:		
1. Sun(1) (1)mun.		News.
2. Sun(1)-(1)mun jee(2).		A newspaper.
3. Tai(2) sun(1) - (1)mun-jee(2)		To read a newspaper.
4. Sun(1)-(1)mun-jee(2) (3)maaye.		The newspaper says.
5. Yut(1) jeng(1) jee(2).		According to the newspapers.
6. Tehng(1) (1)mun.		A sheet of paper.
7. Gong(2) (3)daaye (3)wah.		To hear.
8a. (2)Ngaw - gong(2)-yut(2)		To tell a lie.
9. (2)Ngaw - gong(2) (full)		
9b. (2)Ngaw gong(2) - (2)nay		I'll tell you about it.
10. (1)M - hoh(2) gong(2)		
11. (2)yun-tehng(1)		Don't tell people about it.
Place Names:		
1. (2)Sheng-hoi(2).		Shanghai.
Conversation:		
1. A. (2)Yau mee(1) - (2)ych sun(1) - (1)mun ah(3)?		What's the news?
2. B. (2)Ngaw gong(1) - (3)yut (3)may tai(2) sun(1) - (1)mun-jee(2) (1)mun-jee(2) (1)mun-jee(2) - (1)mun-jee(2) - (1)mun-jee(2)		I haven't yet read the paper today and don't know what the news is.
3. A. (2)Ngaw tehng(1) - (1)mun (2)nay hui(3) (3)dai- (3)yeo-shue(3)		I hear you are going elsewhere.
4. (3)Hal (1)M (3)hal neh(1)17		Is that so?
5. B. (3)Hal (2)ngaw ting(1) - (3)yut hui(3) (3)Sheng-hoi(2)		Yes, I'm going to Shanghai tomorrow.
6. Been(1)-gaw(3) gong(3) - (2)nay-tehng(1) neh(1)?		Who told you about it?
7. A. Jerag(1) seen(1)-shang(1) gong(2) - (2)ngaw-tehng(1).		Mr. Cheung told me about it.
8. B. (3)Kul gong(2) - (1)shue gong(2) - (2)nay-tehng(1) ah(2)?		When did he tell you?
9. A. (2)Kul (3)dzok - (3)yut gong(2) - (2)ngaw-tehng(1) (2)nay hui(3) (3)Sheng-hoi(3) - (3)dzoh-mee(1)		He told me yesterday.
10. (3)Sheng-hoi(3) - (3)dzoh-mee(1)		What you are you going to Shanghai for?
11. B. (2)Ngaw hui(3) tai(2) (2)shan - (2)Yau mee(1) hui(3) (2)maaye		I'm going to see what there is to see.

